

Standard Theatre  
300 W. 12th St.  
Kansas City  
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HABS No. MO-264

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Missouri	COUNTY Jackson	TOWN OR VICINITY Kansas City
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Standard Theatre		HABS NO. MO-264
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 300 W. 12th St. (northwest corner of 12th & Central)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1900	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Louis S. Curtiss	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built for James J. Butler, a Kansas City politician. Opened September 23, 1900, offering performances of burlesque comedy and vaudeville. In 1902, name changed to "Century." After fire in 1923, extensively remodeled and named "Shubert's Missouri." Closed 1932, reopened 1941 as "The Folly."		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Classical Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Transitional steel and wood timber framing system, covered with fireproofing material		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 70' x 125'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Rusticated limestone first floor, brick above. Palladian motif arches at second and third floors.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Heavily ornamented with plasterwork in neoclassical motifs.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1923: Interior remodeled. Lobby reduced in size, boxes redesigned, cast-iron-supported balcony and gallery replaced by poured-concrete balcony.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, listed June 5, 1974. Comee, Fred T. "Louis Curtiss of Kansas City." <u>Progressive Architecture</u> 44 (Aug. 1963): 128-134. Building specifications included in field records.		
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